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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 25 September 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

9 a.m. 3819th meeting Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Africa

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m. 11th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Slovakia

Address by His Excellency The Rt. Hon. Percival James Patterson, PC, QC, MP, Prime Minister of Jamaica

Peru

Croatia

Italy

Romania

United Arab Emirates

(continued overleaf)

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3 p.m.	12th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Fabián Alarcón Rivera, President of the Republic of Ecuador.

2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Ernesto Samper Pizano, President of the Republic of Colombia.

3. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Austria

   Address by His Excellency Mr. Abdellatif Filali, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Kingdom of Morocco

   Guyana

   Canada

   Ireland

   Belgium

Committees

SIXTH COMMITTEE

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	6th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 1

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Draft report: Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Chapter II

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON PROGRAMME AND OPERATIONAL QUESTIONS (CCPOQ)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 25 September 1997

RIO GROUP WITH CANADA

10 a.m.-11.15 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

MEETING OF THE MINISTERS FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND HEADS OF DELEGATIONS OF THE MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES TO THE FIFTY-SECOND SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

RIO GROUP

11.15 a.m.-12 noon	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.15 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

RIO GROUP WITH CHINA

5 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 26 September 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

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2. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Address by His Excellency The Honourable Mr. Alfred Sant, Prime Minister of Malta

Malaysia

Poland

Address by His Excellency Mr. Fatos Nano, Prime Minister of the Republic of Albania

Spain

Iceland

3 p.m. 14th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Monaco

Greece

Comoros

Myanmar

Turkey

Namibia

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Uganda

Committees

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m.	7th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	8th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 1

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will hold its 2nd meeting on Tuesday, 30 September 1997, at 3 p.m. sharp in Conference Room 4, for the purpose of electing its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider its organization of work (A/C.4/52/L.1).

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to decolonization items, which will start on Monday, 6 October (see A/C.4/52/L.1), are kindly requested to notify the secretariat (room S-3380, tel.: 963-9223).

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The list of speakers for the general debate of the Second Committee, which will begin on Monday, 13 October 1997, is open for inscription. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Second Committee (June Knesl, tel.: 212-963-5709, fax: 212-963-5935).

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The lists of speakers for all items allocated to the Third Committee are open for inscription by delegations. The Committee will begin its substantive work (in accordance with the programme contained in document A/C.3/52/L.1, as approved by the Committee at its 2nd meeting) on Monday, 13 October 1997, at 3 p.m. sharp. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee (Ms. Kate Starr Newell, tel.: 212-963-4248; fax: 212-963-5935 or 963-1712).

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

The Fifth Committee will hold its third meeting on Tuesday, 30 September 1997, at 3 p.m., in Conference Room 3, to consider agenda item 142 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations), in particular the United Nations Logistics Base in Brindisi and the proposals on management of peacekeeping assets.

The status of documentation and the programme of work will be issued in documents A/C.5/52/L.1 and A/C.5/52/L.2 respectively.

Delegations are reminded that the list of speakers on all the items before the Committee is open. Delegations wishing to inscribe their names in the list of speakers are kindly invited to do so with the Secretary of the Committee (tel.: 963-0542).

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CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION IN THOSE COUNTRIES EXPERIENCING SERIOUS DROUGHT AND/OR DESERTIFICATION, PARTICULARLY IN AFRICA

Lists of speakers

The first session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, will take place in Rome from 29 September to 10 October 1997.

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The list of speakers for the high-level segment is now open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney, tel.: 963-5742; fax: 963-5935 (from Thursday, 25 September, in Rome, tel.: 570-50346, fax: 5705-0305)).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The informal consultation of the Commission on the Status of Women, originally scheduled for Monday, 29 September 1997, has been postponed to Wednesday, 1 October 1997, at 10 a.m. The consultation will begin consideration of the plans for the forty-second session.

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The first session of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests of the Commission on Sustainable Development will be held from 1 to 3 October 1997 in Conference Room 4. The provisional agenda for the session is contained in document E/CN.17/IFF/1997/1.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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The Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the Group of 77 will hold their Twenty-first Annual Ministerial Meeting at United Nations Headquarters on Friday, 26 September 1997, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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Forum

The Women's International Forum will meet on Friday, 26 September 1997, at 11 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The subject will be "Principality of Liechtenstein: A Small Nation in the International Community". The speaker will be H.E. Dr. Andrea Willi, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Liechtenstein. Participants should be seated by 10.45 a.m.

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Presentation

An informal presentation, by Mr. Alfredo Sfeir-Younis, Special Representative of the World Bank to the United Nations, will take place on Monday, 29 September 1997, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The presentation will include: Mr. James D. Wolfensohn's presentation at the Annual Meetings in Hong Kong (video); and a brief discussion of the World Bank's Annual Report for 1997. All members of delegations, Secretariat staff and the representatives of the non-governmental organizations are invited.

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Briefing

The High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mrs. Mary Robinson, will brief non-governmental organizations on Wednesday, 1 October 1997, at 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Secretariat and agency staff are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 24 September 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

9th plenary meeting

Address by H.E. Comrade Robert G. Mugabe, President of the Republic of Zimbabwe

H.E. Comrade Robert G. Mugabe, President of the Republic of Zimbabwe, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. Kiro Gligorov, President of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

H.E. Mr. Kiro Gligorov, President of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate [9]

H.E. Mr. Inder Kumar Gujral, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of India, addressed the General Assembly.

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Dr. Klaus Kinkel, Vice-Chancellor and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Germany, H.E. Mr. Qian Qichen, Vice-Premier and Minister for Foreign Affairs of China, H.E. Mr. Hubert Védrine, Minister for Foreign Affairs of France, and H.E. Mr. Angel Gurria, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mexico.

10th plenary meeting

Address by H.E. Mr. Milan Kučan, President of the Republic of Slovenia

H.E. Mr. Milan Kučan, President of the Republic of Slovenia, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate [9]

H.E. Dr. Carlos Alberto Wahnon de Carvalho Veiga, Prime Minister of the Republic of Cape Verde, addressed the General Assembly.

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Algirdas Saudargas, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Lithuania, H.E. Mr. Miguel Angel Burelli Rivas, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Venezuela, H.E. Mr. Guido di Tella, Minister for Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship of Argentina, H.E. The Hon. Kwamena Ahwoi, Minister Responsible for Foreign Affairs of Ghana, H.E. Ms. Lena Hjelm-Wallén, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sweden, H.E. Dr. Eduardo Latorre, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Dominican Republic, and H.E. Mr. Venancio de Moura, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Angola.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom and Argentina.

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS
OF THE CHILD
Sixteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 1997

402nd and 403rd meetings

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee concluded its consideration of the initial report of the Lao People's Democratic Republic (CRC/C/8/Add. 32).

The Committee began its consideration of the initial report of Australia (CRC/C/8/Add.31).

In accordance with the Committee's provisional rules of procedure, the representatives of the States parties were present at those meetings and replied to questions raised and observations made by members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 10 September 1996

Signature: Republic of Moldova (24 September 1997)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 25 September 1997, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 3. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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Film

The Bureau for Programme and Policy Support of the United Nations Development Programme and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights will hold a presentation and discussion of the film "Amazon Journal" by Producer and Director Geoffrey O'Connor, *today*, 25 September 1997, at 6 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 26 September 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Western Sahara (S/1997/742)

Briefing by Mr. James Baker III, Personal Envoy of the Secretary-General for Western Sahara

Republic of the Congo

Briefing by Ambassador Mohamed Sahnoun, Special Envoy of the United Nations and the Organization of the African Unity

Other matters

MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	1362nd meeting (closed)	Conference Room 9

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Uganda

Committees

SIXTH COMMITTEE

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	7th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 1

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Draft report: Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Chapter II (Sections 1 and 29)

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON PROGRAMME AND OPERATIONAL QUESTIONS (CCPOQ)

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

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Friday, 26 September 1997

GROUP OF 77
(Twenty-first Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77)

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ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE:

COMMITTEE ON PALESTINE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

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Informal meeting

Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors on the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO) will take place *today*, 26 September 1997, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

RIO GROUP WITH THE GULF COOPERATION COUNCIL

12 noon-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE:

CONTACT GROUP ON BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

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RIO GROUP WITH INDIA

3.30 p.m.-4.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 29 September 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m. **15th PLENARY MEETING** General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Address by His Excellency The Honourable Denzil Douglas, Prime Minister and Minister for National Security, Foreign Affairs, Finance, Planning and Information of Saint Kitts and Nevis

Republic of Korea

Singapore

Egypt

New Zealand

Sudan

Israel

Republic of Moldova

3 p.m. **16th PLENARY MEETING** General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency General Hugo Banzer Suárez, Constitutional President of the Republic of Bolivia.

2. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Panama

Philippines

Thailand

Lebanon

Kuwait

Burkina Faso

Nepal

Committees

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m.	8th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	9th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 1

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The informal consultation of the Commission on the Status of Women, originally scheduled for Monday, 29 September 1997, has been postponed to Wednesday, 1 October 1997, at 10 a.m. The consultation will begin consideration of the plans for the forty-second session of the Commission. A background paper to facilitate the discussion has been prepared by the secretariat of the Division for the Advancement of Women and it will be available at the offices of the Division (DC2-1216).

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The first session of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests of the Commission on Sustainable Development will be held from 1 to 3 October 1997 in Conference Room 4. The provisional agenda for the session is contained in document E/CN.17/IFF/1997/1.

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 14 October 1997 at 11 a.m. sharp in Conference Room C.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(Commission on the Status of Women)* on Monday, 29 September 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)* on Monday, 29 September 1997, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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There will be a closed Ministerial Meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole on Monday, 29 September 1997, at 12 noon in Conference Room 6.

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Presentation

An informal presentation, by Mr. Alfredo Sfeir-Younis, Special Representative of the World Bank to the United Nations, will take place on Monday, 29 September 1997, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in *Conference Room 2*. The presentation will include: Mr. James D. Wolfensohn's presentation at the Annual Meetings in Hong Kong (video); and a brief discussion of the World Bank's Annual Report for 1997. All members of delegations, Secretariat staff and the representatives of the non-governmental organizations are invited.

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Briefing

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SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 25 September 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

3819th meeting

The situation in Africa

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a statement by the President of the Republic of Zimbabwe, current Chairman of the Organization of African Unity.

The Secretary-General of the United Nations made a statement.

The Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity made a statement.

Statements were made by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Chile, the Vice-Premier and Minister for Foreign Affairs of China, the Minister for External Relations and Worship of Costa Rica, the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Egypt and France, the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Guinea-Bissau, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, the Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Kenya, the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation and Sweden and the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and by the President, speaking in her capacity as the Secretary of State of the United States of America.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/1997/46).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

11th plenary meeting

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard a statement by H.E. Mrs. Zdenka Kramplová, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Slovakia.

H.E. The Rt. Hon. Percival James Patterson, Prime Minister of Jamaica, addressed the General Assembly.

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Eduardo Ferrero Costa, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Peru, H.E. Dr. Mate Granić, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Croatia, H.E. Mr. Lamberto Dini, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Italy, H.E. Mr. Adrian Severin, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Romania, and H.E. Mr. Rashid Abdullah Al-Noaimi, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the United Arab Emirates.

12th plenary meeting

Address by H.E. Mr. Fabián Alarcón Rivera, President of the Republic of Ecuador

H.E. Mr. Fabián Alarcón Rivera, President of the Republic of Ecuador, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. Ernesto Samper Pizano, President of the Republic of Colombia

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Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard a statement by H.E. Dr. Wolfgang Schüssel, Vice-Chancellor and Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs of Austria.

H.E. Mr. Abdellatif Filali, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Kingdom of Morocco, addressed the General Assembly.

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Clement Rohee, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Guyana, H.E. The Hon. Mr. Lloyd Axworthy, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Canada, H.E. Mr. Ray Burke, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ireland, and H.E. Mr. Erik Derycke, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Belgium.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Spain, Nigeria and the United Arab Emirates.

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Sixteenth session
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404th and 405th meetings

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee concluded its consideration of the initial report of Australia (CRC/C/8/Add.31).

In accordance with the Committee's provisional rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at those meetings and replied to questions raised and observations made by members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendment to article 43 (2) of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, adopted by the Conference of the States Parties on 12 December 1995

Acceptance: Lao People's Democratic Republic (22 September 1997)*

Acceptance: Greece (23 September 1997)*

Convention on Psychotropic Substances, concluded at Vienna on 21 February 1971

Accession: Lao People's Democratic Republic (22 September 1997)*

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, opened for signature at Paris on 14 October 1994

Ratification: Sierra Leone (25 September 1997)*

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* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

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SATURDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER 1997 No. 1997/187

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 29 September 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m. consultations of the whole (closed) Consultation Room

Haiti

Briefing by Mr. Enrique ter Horst, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Haiti

Angola (S/1997/741)

Briefing by Mr. Bernard Miyet, Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations

Western Sahara (S/1997/742)

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m. 15th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Address by His Excellency The Honourable Denzil Douglas, Prime Minister and Minister for National Security, Foreign Affairs, Finance, Planning and Information of Saint Kitts and Nevis

Republic of Korea

Singapore

Egypt

(continued overleaf)

New Zealand

Sudan

Israel

Republic of Moldova

3 p.m. 16th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency General Hugo Banzer Suárez, Constitutional President of the Republic of Bolivia.

2. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Namibia

Philippines

Thailand

Lebanon

Kuwait

Burkina Faso

Nepal

Committees

SIXTH COMMITTEE

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	8th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	9th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 1

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

1. Report of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

2. Draft report on the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base in Brindisi

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 29 September 1997

GROUP OF 77
(Commission on the Status of Women)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE:

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON AFGHANISTAN

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE
(Ministerial Meeting)

12 noon-2 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 3

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND, THIRD AND FOURTH COMMITTEES
(on renewing the United Nations: a programme for reform)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE: CONTACT GROUP ON JAMMU AND KASHMIR

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

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Presentation

An informal presentation, by Mr. Alfredo Sfeir-Younis, Special Representative of the World Bank to the United Nations, will take place on Monday, 29 September 1997, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in *Conference Room 8*. The presentation will include: Mr. James D. Wolfensohn's presentation at the Annual Meetings in Hong Kong (video); and a brief discus[illegible] of the World Bank's Annual Report for 1997. All members of delegations, Secretariat staff and the representatives of the non-governmental organizations are invited.

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Announcement

As from Monday, 1 September 1997, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings as of 19 September will take place at 3.30 p.m. Conference Room E.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 30 September 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m. 17th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Emomali Rahmonov, President of the Republic of Tajikistan.
2. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Brunei Darussalam

Trinidad and Tobago

Mauritius

Lesotho

Kazakhstan

Liechtenstein

Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

3 p.m. 18th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Niger

Uruguay

Indonesia

Bahrain

Armenia

Tunisia

Turkmenistan

Bulgaria

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 4

FIFTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	3rd meeting	Conference Room 3

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m.	10th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	11th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 1

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10:30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will hold its 2nd meeting on Tuesday, 30 September 1997, at 3 p.m. sharp in Conference Room 4, for the purpose of electing its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider its organization of work (A/C.4/52/L.1).

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to decolonization items, which will start on Monday, 6 October 1997 (see A/C.4/52/L.1), are kindly requested to notify the secretariat (room S-3380, tel.: 963-9223).

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The list of speakers for the general debate of the Second Committee, which will begin on Monday, 13 October 1997, is open for inscription. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Second Committee (June Knesl, tel.: 212-963-5709, fax: 212-963-5935).

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The lists of speakers for all items allocated to the Third Committee are open for inscription by delegations. The Committee will begin its substantive work (in accordance with the programme contained in document A/C.3/52/L.1, as approved by the Committee at its 2nd meeting) on Monday, 13 October 1997, at 3 p.m. sharp. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee (Ms. Kate Starr Newell, tel.: 212-963-4248; fax: 212-963-5935 or 963-1712).

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

The Fifth Committee will hold its third meeting on Tuesday, 30 September 1997, at 3 p.m., in Conference Room 3, to consider agenda item 142 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations), in particular the United Nations Logistics Base in Brindisi and the proposals on management of peacekeeping assets.

The status of documentation and the programme of work will be issued in documents A/C.5/52/L.1 and A/C.5/52/L.2 respectively.

Delegations are reminded that the list of speakers on all the items before the Committee is open. Delegations wishing to inscribe their names in the list of speakers are kindly invited to do so with the Secretary of the Committee (tel.: 963-0542).

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CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION IN THOSE COUNTRIES EXPERIENCING SERIOUS DROUGHT AND/OR DESERTIFICATION, PARTICULARLY IN AFRICA

Lists of speakers

The first session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, will take place in Rome from 29 September to 10 October 1997.

The high-level segment will be held on 7 and 8 and in the morning of 9 October 1997. Statements in this segment will be open to Heads of State or government, ministers and heads of delegation of the States participating in the first session of the Conference of the Parties. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

The list of speakers for the high-level segment is now open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties in Rome (Ms. June Chesney, tel.: 5705-0346, fax: 5705-0305).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The informal consultation of the Commission on the Status of Women, originally scheduled for Monday, 29 September 1997, has been postponed to Wednesday, 1 October 1997, at 10 a.m. The consultation will begin consideration of the plans for the forty-second session of the Commission. A background paper to facilitate the discussion has been prepared by the secretariat of the Division for the Advancement of Women and it will be available at the offices of the Division (DC2-1216).

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The first session of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests of the Commission on Sustainable Development will be held from 1 to 3 October 1997 in Conference Room 4. The provisional agenda for the session is contained in document E/CN.17/IFF/1997/1.

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The Organizational Committee of the Administrative Committee on Coordination will meet from 2 to 4 and on 6 October 1997 in Conference Room 5.

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 14 October 1997 at 11 a.m. sharp in Conference Room C.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Secretariat of the United Nations.

Briefing

The High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mrs. Mary Robinson, will brief non-governmental organizations on Wednesday, 1 October 1997, at 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Secretariat and agency staff are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 26 September 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

13th plenary meeting

Address by His Majesty King Mswati III, Head of State of the Kingdom of Swaziland

His Majesty King Mswati III, Head of State of the Kingdom of Swaziland, addressed the General Assembly.

Contiuation of the general debate [9]

H.E. The Hon. Mr. Alfred Sant, Prime Minister of the Republic of Malta, addressed the General Assembly.

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Datuk Seri Abdullah Haji Ahmad Badawi, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Malaysia, and H.E. Mr. Dariusz Rosati, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Poland.

H.E. Mr. Fatos Nano, Prime Minister of the Republic of Albania, addressed the General Assembly.

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Abel Matutes, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Spain, and H.E. Mr. Halldór Ásgrímsson, Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade of Iceland.

14th plenary meeting

Continuation of the general debate [9]

His Serene Highness Crown Prince Albert, Crown Prince of the Principality of Monaco, addressed the General Assembly.

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Theodoros Pangalos, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Greece, H.E. Dr. Mtara Maecha, Special Envoy of the President of the Republic and Minister for Transport, Tourism, Posts and Telecommunications of Comoros, H.E. Mr. Ohn Gyaw, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Myanmar, H.E. Mr. Ismail Cem, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Turkey, H.E. Dr. Ricardo Alberto Arias, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Panama, H.E. Mr. Jadranko Prlić, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and H.E. The Hon. Eriya Kategaya, First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Uganda.

Statements in the exercise of the right to reply were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom and Cyprus.

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Sixteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 1997

406th and 407th meetings

Cooperation with other United Nations of bodies, specialized agencies and other competent bodies [7]

Review of developments relevant to the work of the Committee [5]

The Committee considered the items.

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

Methods of work of the Committee [8]

The Committee considered the items in closed session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of September has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Guinea-Bissau
H.E. Mr. Alfredo Lopes Cabral

Asian States:
Syrian Arab Republic
H.E. Mr. Mikhail Wehbe

Eastern European States:
Armenia
Mr. Movses Abelian
Chargé d'Affaires

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Uruguay
H.E. Mr. Jorge Pérez-Otermin

Western European and Other States:
Liechtenstein
H.E. Mrs. Claudia Fritsche

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 30 September 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m. consultations of the whole (closed) Consultation Room

Afghanistan (S/1997/719)

Briefing by Mr. Lakhdar Brahimi, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m. 17th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Emomali Rahmonov, President of the Republic of Tajikistan.
2. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Brunei Darussalam

   Trinidad and Tobago

   Mauritius

   Lesotho

   Kazakhstan

   Liechtenstein

   Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

(continued overleaf)

3 p.m. 18th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Niger

Uruguay

Indonesia

Bahrain

Armenia

Tunisia

Turkmenistan

Bulgaria

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 2nd meeting Conference Room 4

1. Election of officers
2. Organization of work (A/C.4/52/1, A/C.4/52/L.1)

FIFTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 3rd meeting Conference Room 3

1. Organization of work (A/C.5/52/L.1 and A/C.5/52/L.2)
2. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [142]:

   (a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

   United Nations Logistics Base, Brindisi (A/51/905, A/51/803 and A/52/380)

   Proposals on the management of peacekeeping assets (A/ 50/907, A/50/985 and A/51/957)

   Introduction and general discussion

SIXTH COMMITTEE

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 10th meeting (closed) Conference Room 1

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 11th meeting (closed) Conference Room 1

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 10

3 p.m.-6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Draft report: Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Chapter II (Part IV)
2. Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 (A/C.5/51/57)
3. Draft report on the World Food Programme

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Tuesday, 30 September 1997

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

SEVENTH ANNUAL MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

4 p.m.-7 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GROUP OF 27 OF THE GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND, THIRD AND FOURTH COMMITTEES
(on renewing the United Nations: a programme for reform)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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Announcement

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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 1 October 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m. 19th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Cuba

   Bangladesh

2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Alhaji Ahmad Tejan Kabbah, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone.

3. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Hungary

   Democratic Republic of the Congo

   Syrian Arab Republic

   Malawi

   Viet Nam

3 p.m. 20th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Estonia

Belize

Antigua and Barbuda

Algeria

Lao People's Democratic Republic

Haiti

Afghanistan

Benin

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	4th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m.	12th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	13th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 1

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The lists of speakers for the general debate, and all other items allocated to the Second Committee, are open for inscription. The general debate is scheduled to begin on Monday, 13 October 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the lists are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Second Committee (Ms. June Knesl, tel.: 212-963-5709, fax: 212-963-5935).

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THIRD COMMITTEE

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The first part of the resumed substantive session of 1997 of the Economic and Social Council will be convened on Wednesday, 8 October 1997, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The second part will be convened in December 1997. The provisional agenda for the resumed substantive session is contained in document E/1997/109. The items will be taken up as follows:

8 October 1997:

1. Reports, conclusions and recommendations of subsidiary bodies: Environmental questions: sustainable development: Arrangements for elections to the Bureau of the Committee on Sustainable Development; Future meetings of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests [7(b)]

2. Postponed elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments (E/1997/L.60, E/1997/L.22 and E/1997/L.1/Add.1)

December 1997:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters: Selection of the themes for the High-level and Coordination segments for the 1998 substantive session of the Council (E/1997/91, E/1997/92 and Add.1) [1]

2. Coordination, programme and other questions: Proclamation of international years [6 (i)] (E/1997/L.32)

3. Reports, conclusions and recommendations of subsidiary bodies: Human rights questions [7 (d)] E/1997/L.23 and Add.2 and E/1997/L.44)

4. Implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/227 [12] (A/52/155-E/1997/68 and Add.1, E/1996/97 and Add.1).

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The informal consultation of the Commission on the Status of Women will be held on Wednesday, 1 October 1997, at 10 a.m. The consultation will begin consideration of the plans for the forty-second session of the Commission. A background paper to facilitate the discussion has been prepared by the secretariat of the Division for the Advancement of Women and it will be available at the offices of the Division (DC2-1216).

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The first session of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests of the Commission on Sustainable Development will be held from 1 to 3 October 1997 in Conference Room 4. The provisional agenda for the session is contained in document E/CN.17/IFF/1997/1.

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The Organizational Committee of the Administrative Committee on Coordination will meet from 2 to 4 and on 6 October 1997 in Conference Room 5.

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 14 October 1997 at 11 a.m. sharp in Conference Room C.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Briefings

The High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mrs. Mary Robinson, will brief the Group of African States on Wednesday, 1 October 1997, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 2.

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The High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mrs. Mary Robinson, will brief non-governmental organizations on Wednesday, 1 October 1997, at 12 noon in Conference Room 2. Secretariat and agency staff are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 29 September 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

3820th meeting

The situation in Angola

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Angola, at his request, to participate in the discussion without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1997/750, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations, and made an oral revision to the text of the draft resolution in its provisional form.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/1997/750).

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1997/750), as orally revised in its provisional form, received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1130 (1997).

3821st meeting

The situation concerning Western Sahara

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation concerning Western Sahara (S/1997/742 and Add. 1)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution (S/1997/751) which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/1997/751).

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1997/751) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1131 (1997).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

15th plenary meeting

Continuation of the general debate [9]

H.E. The Honourable Denzil Douglas, Prime Minister and Minister for National Security, Foreign Affairs, Finance, Planning and Information of Saint Kitts and Nevis, addressed the General Assembly.

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Chong-Ha Yoo, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea, H.E. Professor S. Jayakumar, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Singapore, H.E. Mr. Amre Moussa, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Egypt, H.E. Mr. Michael John Powles, Chairman of the Delegation of New Zealand, H.E. Mr. Ali Osman Mohamed Taha, Minister for External Relations of the Sudan, H.E. Mr. David Levy, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Israel, and H.E. Mr. Nicolae Tabacaru, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Moldova.

16th plenary meeting

Address by H.E. General Hugo Banzer Suárez, Constitutional President of the Republic of Bolivia

H.E. General Hugo Banzer Suárez, Constitutional President of the Republic of Bolivia, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Martin Andjaba, Chairman of the Delegation of Namibia, H.E. Mr. Domingo L. Siazon, Secretary for Foreign Affairs of the Philippines, H.E. Mr. Prachuab Chaiyasan, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Thailand, H.E. Mr. Fares Bouez, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Lebanon, H.E. Mr. Mohammad A. Abulhasan, Chairman of the Delegation of Kuwait, H.E. Mr. Ablassé Ouedraogo, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Burkina Faso, and H.E. The Hon. Kamal Thapa, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nepal.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation and the Republic of Korea.

In accordance with General Assembly resolutions 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974 and 43/177 of 15 December 1988, the observer of Palestine made a statement in reply.

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Sixteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER 1997

408th and 409th meetings

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

Methods of work of the Committee [8]

The Committee considered the items in closed session.

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee began its consideration of the initial report of Uganda (CRC/C/3/Add.40).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Union

There will be an extraordinary general meeting of the Staff Union *today*, 30 September 1997, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2

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Wednesday, 1 October 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m. 19th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Viet Nam

   Bangladesh

2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Alhaji Ahmad Tejan Kabbah, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone.

3. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Hungary

   Democratic Republic of the Congo

   Syrian Arab Republic

   Malawi

   Cuba

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The provisional list of speakers (No. 7) for the general debate of the fifty-second session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Secretariat Services Branch (room S-3670).

3 p.m.	20th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Estonia

Belize

Antigua and Barbuda

Algeria

Lao People's Democratic Republic

Haiti

Afghanistan

Benin

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	4th meeting	Conference Room 3

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [142]:

(a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

United Nations Logistics Base, Brindisi (A/51/905, A/51/ 803 and A/52/380)

Proposals on the management of peacekeeping assets (A/50/ 907, A/50/985, A/51/957 and A/52/407*)

Conclusion of general discussion

Afternoon**- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 142 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: (a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations; United Nations Logistics Base, Brindisi (A/51/905, A/51/803 and A/52/380); and Proposals on the management of peacekeeping assets (A/50/907, A/50/985, A/51/957 and A/52/407*))

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* To be issued.

** Following the adjournment of the 4th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	12th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	13th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 1

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Draft report: Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Chapter II

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

OPEN-ENDED AD HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL FORUM ON FORESTS

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	1st meeting	Conference Room 4

1. Election of officers [1]
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [2] (E/CN.17/IFF/1997/1, E/CN.17/IFF/1997/3)
3. Programme of work of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests [3] (E/CN.17/IFF/1997/2)

General discussion

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 4

Programme of work of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests [3] (E/CN.17/IFF/1997/2)

Continuation of general discussion

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Informal consultation

The informal consultation of the Commission on the Status of Women will be convened by the Bureau of the Commission *today*, 1 October 1997, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The consultation will begin consideration of the plans for the forty-second session of the Commission.

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Wednesday, 1 October 1997

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND, THIRD AND FOURTH COMMITTEES
(on renewing the United Nations: a programme for reform)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

ASIAN GROUP:

OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON THE REVIEW OF THE ASIAN GUIDELINES ON CANDIDATURES

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

SOUTH ASIAN ASSOCIATION FOR REGIONAL COOPERATION

(Informal Meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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Briefings

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The High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mrs. Mary Robinson, will brief non-governmental organizations *today*, 1 October 1997, at 12 noon in Conference Room 2. Secretariat and agency staff are invited to attend.

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The High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mrs. Mary Robinson, will brief the Group of African States *today*, 1 October 1997, from 4.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 2 October 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m. 21st PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Qatar

Address by His Excellency The Honourable Edison James, Prime Minister and Minister for External Affairs, Legal Affairs, Labour and Immigration of the Commonwealth of Dominica

Belarus

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3 p.m. 22nd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Senegal

Iraq

Mozambique

Chad

Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Côte d'Ivoire

Burundi

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m.	14th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	15th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 1

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
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Tuesday, 30 September 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

17th plenary meeting

Address by H.E. Mr. Emomali Rahmonov, President of the Republic of Tajikistan

H.E. Mr. Emomali Rahmonov, President of the Republic of Tajikistan, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Brunei Darussalam, H.E. The Honourable Ralph Maraj, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Trinidad and Tobago, H.E. The Honourable Rajkeswur Purryag, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Trade of Mauritius, H.E. The Honourable Kelebone Maope, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Lesotho, H.E. Mr. Kassymjomart Tokaev, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan, H.E. Ms. Andrea Willi, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Liechtenstein, and H.E. Mr. Abuzed Omar Dorda, Chairman of the Delegation of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

18th plenary meeting

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Ibrahim Assane Mayaki, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Niger and for persons of Niger nationality living abroad, H.E. Mr. Alvaro Ramos, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Uruguay, H.E. Mr. Ali Alatas, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Indonesia, H.E. Shaikh Mohamed Bin Mubarak Al-Khalifa, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bahrain, H.E. Mr. Alexander Arzoumanian, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Armenia, H.E. Mr. Abderrahim Zouari, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Tunisia, H.E. Mr. Boris Shikhmuradov, Vice-Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan, and H.E. Mrs. Nadezhda Mihailova, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, the United States and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 2nd meeting

Opening of the meeting

The Chairman made a statement.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted without objection.

Election of officers

Upon nomination by the representatives of Australia and Saint Lucia and in accordance with rule 103 of the rules of procedure, the Committee elected, by acclamation, Mr. Ravjaa Mounkhou (Mongolia) and Mr. Petru Dumitriu (Romania) as its two Vice-Chairmen.

The Chairman informed the Committee that consultations were still continuing for the post of Rapporteur.

Statements were made by representatives of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mongolia and Romania.

Organization of work

The Committee had before it a letter from the President of the General Assembly concerning the agenda items allocated to it (A/C.4/52/1) and a note by the Chairman (A/C.4/52/L.1) containing his suggestions concerning the organization of work.

The Chairman drew attention to A/52/250 concerning the organization and rationalization of the work.

Statements were made by the representatives of Morocco, Qatar, Algeria, Senegal and Ghana, as well as by the Secretary and Chairman of the Committee.

Following statements made on a point of order by the representatives of Algeria and Morocco, the Committee decided to approve, in principle, the suggestions contained in A/C.4/52/L.1.

As regards agenda item 85, the Committee decided to establish an open-ended working group, chaired this year by the delegation of India, to prepare a draft resolution on agenda item 85 (Peaceful uses of outer space).

In accordance with the suggestions of the Chairman as contained in his note (A/C.4/52/L.1), the Committee decided to hold a general debate on agenda items 18, 90, 91, 92 and 12 and 93 and to close the list of speakers on these items at 6 p.m., on Monday, 6 October.

Agenda items 18 (chapters of the report of the Special Committee of 24 relating to specific Territories not already covered by other items) 88, 89, 90 and 12, and 91

The Committee decided, without objection and in accordance with established practice, to consider chapter V of A/52/23 (Part III) in conjunction with agenda item 91 (Foreign economic interests).

Requests for hearing

The Chairman informed the Committee that there were 8 requests for hearings relating to Guam and Western Sahara, under agenda item 18, as well as communications received from the Chief Minister of Gibraltar and the Governor of Guam.

Statements were made by the representatives of Morocco and Algeria, as well as by the Chairman.

At the request of the representative of Morocco, the Deputy Secretary of the Committee read out the list of petitioners on the question of Western Sahara.

The Committee decided to circulate the requests for hearing as Committee documents.

FIFTH COMMITTEE — 3rd meeting

Organization of work

The Committee had before it a document on the organization of its work (A/C.5/52/L.2) and on the status of documentation (A/C.5/52/L.1).

The Chairman of the Committee made a statement concerning the preparation of documentation under agenda items 113 (Financial reports and audited financial statements and reports of the Board of Auditors) and 114 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations, in particular relating to General Assembly resolution 51/243).

Under agenda item 116 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999), the Chairman of the Committee brought the attention of the Committee to a letter dated 18 September 1997, addressed to him from the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with Regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and to a related letter addressed to the Secretary-General issued in document A/52/379. Attention was also drawn to a report to be prepared pursuant to General Assembly resolution 35/218.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico, Cuba, Algeria, Pakistan and Argentina.

The Chairman and the Secretary of the Committee responded to questions posed.

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [142]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

(a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

United Nations Logistics Base, Brindisi

Proposals on the management of peacekeeping assets

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee presented an oral report of that Committee (to be issued in document A/52/407).

The Officer-in-Charge of the Audit and Management Consulting Division of the Office of Internal Oversight Services introduced the report of that Office.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Chairman stated that responses to the questions raised would be provided at an appropriate time.

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Sixteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

TUESDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 1997

410th and 411th meetings

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee concluded its consideration of the initial report of Uganda (CRC/C/3/Add.40).

The Committee began its consideration of the initial report of the Czech Republic (CRC/C/11/Add.11).

In accordance with the Committee's provisional rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions raised and observations made by members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Political Rights of Women, opened for signature at New York on 31 March 1953

Accession: Uzbekistan (29 September 1997)*

International Cocoa Agreement, 1993, concluded at Geneva on 16 July 1993

Extension of time-limit for signature and the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval until 30 September 1998

International Coffee Agreement, 1994, adopted by the International Coffee Council on 30 March 1994

Extension of time-limit for ratification, acceptance or approval until 24 September 1998

Convention on Prohibitions of Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (and Protocols), concluded at Geneva on 10 October 1980

Accession: Uzbekistan (29 September 1997)*

Additional Protocol to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects, adopted at the 8th plenary meeting of the States Parties on 13 October 1995

Acceptance: Uzbekistan (29 September 1997)*

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, opened for signature at Paris on 14 October 1994

Ratification: South Africa (30 September 1997)*

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* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of October has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Kenya
H.E. Mr. Njuguna M. Mahugu

Asian States:
Turkmenistan
H.E. Mrs. Aksoltan T. Ataeva

Eastern European States:
Azerbaijan
H.E. Mr. Eldar G. Kouliev

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Venezuela
H.E. Mr. Ramón Escovar-Salom

Western European and Other States:
Luxembourg
H.E. Mr. Jean-Louis Wolzfeld

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World Habitat Day 1997

World Habitat Day will be observed on Monday, 6 October 1997, from 9.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m in the Dag Hammarksjöld Library Auditorium. The meeting will consist of two panels, organized by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) in collaboration with the Wellness Foundation, Columbia University, City College of New York, and Pratt Institute, on the theme "Future Cities". The main focus of the panel discussions is on the role of partnership in the struggle towards sustainable human settlements. This event also includes the presentation of a United Nations film entitled "A Cyber-tale of Three Cities", shown at the 1997 Venice Film Festival. All members of delegations, Secretariat staff and the representatives of the non-governmental organizations are invited.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 2 October 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Programme of work

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m.	21st PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Qatar

Address by His Excellency The Honourable Edison James, Prime Minister and Minister for External Affairs, Legal Affairs, Labour and Immigration of the Commonwealth of Dominica

(continued overleaf)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 7) for the general debate of the fifty-second session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Secretariat Services Branch (room S-3670).

Belarus

Mali

Gabon

Zambia

Marshall Islands

Liberia

3 p.m. 22nd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

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Chad

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Côte d'Ivoire

Burundi

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on agenda item 114 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Strengthening of the external oversight mechanisms (A/49/471 and Corr.1, A/49/633, A/49/368 and Corr.1 and A/51/674))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	14th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	15th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 1

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Draft report: Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Chapter II (Parts VII, XI, III, XII, X and I.S.)

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

OPEN-ENDED AD HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL FORUM ON FORESTS

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	3rd meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	4th meeting	Conference Room 4

Programme of work of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests [3] (E/CN.17/IFF/1997/2)

Continuation of general discussion

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
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AFRICAN GROUP: GROUP OF EXPERTS ON ECONOMIC MATTERS

(Programme of work of the Second Committee)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE

(Annual Coordination Meeting of Foreign Ministers)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 1 October 1997, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings from 1 to 3 October will take place at 3.30 p.m in Conference Room E, and thereafter in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 3 October 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m. 23rd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Oman

Sri Lanka

Ethiopia

Australia

Address by His Excellency The Honourable Kenny D. Anthony, Prime Minister, Minister for Finance, Planning, Information and the Public Services of Saint Lucia

Kenya

Madagascar

3 p.m. 24th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Jordan

2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Pascal Lissouba, President of the Republic of the Congo.

3. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Maldives

   Solomon Islands

   Guinea

   Rwanda

   Yemen

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

* Following the adjournment of the 5th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m.	16th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	17th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 1

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19th plenary meeting

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Vu Khoan, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam, and H.E. Mr. Abdus Samad Azad, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh.

Address by H.E. Alhaji Ahmad Tejan Kabbah, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone

H.E. Alhaji Ahmad Tejan Kabbah, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Laszlo Kovacs, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Hungary, H.E. Mr. Bizima Karaha, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, H.E. Mr. Farouk Al-Sharâ, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Syrian Arab Republic, H.E. The Hon. Mapopa Chipeta, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Malawi, and H.E. Mr. Roberto Robaina González, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Cuba.

20th plenary meeting

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Trivimi Velliste, Chairman of the Delegation of Estonia, H.E. The Hon. Dean O. Barrow, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for National Security, Foreign Affairs and Attorney General of Belize, H.E. Dr. Patrick Albert Lewis, Chairman of the Delegation of Antigua and Barbuda, H.E. Mr. Ahmed Attaf, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Algeria, H.E. Mr. Somsavat Lengsavad, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, H.E. Mr. Fritz Longchamp, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Worships of Haiti, H.E. Dr. A. Abdullah, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs and Special Envoy of the President of Afghanistan, and H.E. Mr. Pierre Osho, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Benin.

The representative of Canada made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

The representative of Pakistan made a statement on a point of order.

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 4th meeting

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [142]

The Committee continued its consideration of this item.

(a) *Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations*

United Nations Logistics Base, Brindisi

Proposals on the management of peacekeeping assets

Statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Pakistan and the United States.

The Committee thus concluded the general discussion of these questions.

Other matters

The Deputy Director of the Facilities Management Division of the Office of Central Support Services made a statement in response to a question raised at the 72nd meeting of the Fifth Committee during the fifty-first session of the General Assembly.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico and Indonesia.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

OPEN-ENDED AD HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL FORUM ON FORESTS
Organizational session 1st meeting

Opening of the session

The session was opened by the Vice-Chairperson of the Commission on Sustainable Development, Mrs. Monika Linn-Locher (Switzerland).

Statements were made by the Director of the Division for Sustainable Development and the Chairman of the High-level Interagency Task Force on Forests.

Election of officers [1]

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Zimbabwe, Papua New Guinea, Canada and Venezuela, as well as by the observers for Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union), Romania and Nigeria.

The meeting was then suspended.

Upon resumption of the meeting, the Forum on Forests elected, by acclamation, the following members of the Bureau for its organizational session: Mr. Bagher Asadi (Islamic Republic of Iran) and Mr. Illka Ristimaki (Finland) Co-Chairpersons, and Mr. Yevgeny Kuzmichev (Russian Federation) and Mr. Charles Essonghe (Gabon) Vice-Chairpersons.

It was decided to defer the election of the remaining member of the Bureau to a later time during the session.

A statement was made by the temporary Chairperson.

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [2]

The Forum adopted the agenda as contained in document E/CN.17/IFF/1997/1, as well as the programme of work contained in an informal paper.

The Forum recommended that the Centre for International Forestry Research, an intergovernmental organization, be authorized to participate in its work as an observer.

2nd meeting

Before beginning its general discussion of item 3, general statements were made by the representative of Colombia and the observer for Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union).

Programme of work of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests [3]

The Forum began its consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Venezuela, Indonesia, Japan, Peru, New Zealand, Brazil, Australia, India, China, Canada, Switzerland and Papua New Guinea.

Statements were also made by the observers for Nigeria, Turkey, the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77), New Zealand, Costa Rica, Norway and Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union).

A statement was also made by the observer of Sierra Club, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Eco- nomic and Social Council.

The Co-Chairperson made a statement summarizing the discussion under the item.

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
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412th and 413th meetings

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee concluded its consideration of the initial report of the Czech Republic (CRC/C/11/Add.11).

In accordance with the Committee's provisional rules of procedure, the represen- tatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions raised and observations made by members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 10 September 1996

Signature: Maldives (1 October 1997)

Amendment to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal, adopted at the Third Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties at Geneva on 22 September 1995

Approval: European Community (30 September 1997)*

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* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

World Habitat Day 1997

World Habitat Day will be observed on Monday, 6 October 1997, from 9.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m in the Dag Hammarksjöld Library Auditorium. The meeting will consist of two panels, organized by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) in collaboration with the Wellness Foundation, Columbia University, City College of New York, and Pratt Institute, on the theme "Future Cities". The main focus of the panel discussions is on the role of partnership in the struggle towards sustainable human settlements. This event also includes the presentation of a United Nations film entitled "A Cyber-tale of Three Cities", shown at the 1997 Venice Film Festival. All members of delegations, Secretariat staff and the representatives of the non-governmental organizations are invited.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 3 October 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m. 23rd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Oman

Sri Lanka

Ethiopia

Australia

Address by His Excellency The Honourable Kenny D. Anthony, Prime Minister, Minister for Finance, Planning, Information and the Public Services of Saint Lucia

Rwanda

Madagascar

(continued overleaf)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 7) for the general debate of the fifty-second session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Secretariat Services Branch (room S-3670).

3 p.m.	24th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Jordan

Maldives

Solomon Islands

Guinea

Yemen

Congo

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations [117]

   Statement by the Under-Secretary-General of the Department of Management.

2. Human resources management [153]

   Implementation of General Assembly resolution 51/226 (A/51/955 and A/C.5/51/58)

Morning*-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on agenda item 142 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: (a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations; United Nations Logistics Base, Brindisi (A/51/905, A/51/803 and A/52/380); and Proposals on the management of peacekeeping assets (A/50/907, A/50/985, A/51/957 and A/52/407))

* Following the adjournment of the 5th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	16th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	17th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 1

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola (MONUA)/Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission (UNAVEM)

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

OPEN-ENDED AD HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL FORUM ON FORESTS

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	6th meeting	Conference Room 4

1. Programme of work of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests [3] (E/CN.17/IFF/1997/2)

   Continuation and conclusion of the general discussion

2. Dates and venues of future sessions [4]

   Continuation and conclusion of the general discussion

3. Other matters [5]

4. Adoption of the report of the Forum on its first session [6] (E/CN.17/1997/IFF/L.1)

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 3 October 1997

GROUP OF 27 OF THE GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND, THIRD AND FOURTH COMMITTEES

(on renewing the United Nations: a programme for reform)

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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The Ministerial Meeting of the Special Conference on Liberia will be held *today*, 3 October 1997, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The Meeting will be open for the Secretary-General's portion only.

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Briefing

There will be an informal briefing on matters pertaining to the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development, under the chairmanship of Dr. Mostafa Tolba, *today*, 3 October 1997, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

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Informal meeting

Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors on the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission (UNIKOM) will take place *today*, 3 October 1997, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 1 October 1997, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings from 1 to 3 October will take place at 3.30 p.m in Conference Room E, and thereafter in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 6 October 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m. — 25th PLENARY MEETING — General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Glafcos Clerides, President of the Republic of Cyprus.

2. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

San Marino

Azerbaijan

Barbados

Djibouti

Mongolia

Gambia

3 p.m. — 26th PLENARY MEETING — General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Guinea-Bissau

Bhutan

Suriname

Botswana

Grenada

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	3rd meeting	Conference Room 2

FIFTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	6th meeting	Conference Room 3
Afternoon*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

* Following the adjournment of the 6th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	3rd meeting	Conference Room 1

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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FIRST COMMITTEE

The First Committee will hold an informal meeting to consider its programme of work for the current session. The meeting will take place on Tuesday, 7 October 1997, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The draft programme of work is available at the secretariat of the First Committee (room S-3170C).

The First Committee will hold its 2nd meeting to consider the organization of work. The meeting will take place onThursday, 9 October 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2.

The First Committee will begin the general debate on its agenda items on Monday, 13 October 1997. Delegations are urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers, as soon as possible, with the secretariat (tel.: 963-5584).

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SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will hold its 3rd meeting on Monday, 6 October 1997, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room 2. The Committee will begin its substantive work (in accordance with the approved programme contained in document A/C.4/52/L.1). Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to decolonization items are kindly requested to contact the secretariat (room S-3380, tel. 963-9223).

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SECOND COMMITTEE

As recommended in General Assembly resolution 50/227, the Second Committee will hold informal consultations on all organizational matters on Thursday, 9 October 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

The lists of speakers for the general debate, and all other items allocated to the Second Committee, are open for inscription. The general debate is scheduled to begin on Monday, 13 October 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the lists are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Second Committee (Ms. June Knesl, tel.: 212-963-5709, fax: 212-963-5935).

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The lists of speakers for all items allocated to the Third Committee are open for inscription by delegations. The Committee will begin its substantive work (in accordance with the programme contained in document A/C.3/52/L.1, as approved by the Committee at its 2nd meeting) on Monday, 13 October 1997, at 3 p.m. sharp. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee (Ms. Kate Starr Newell, tel.: 212-963-4248; fax: 212-963-5935 or 963-1712).

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International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

The Seventeenth Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights will take place at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 7 October 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2, in order to hold elections to fill a vacancy in the Human Rights Committee. Credentials should be submitted to the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (room S-2914).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The first part of the resumed substantive session of 1997 of the Economic and Social Council will be convened on Wednesday, 8 October 1997, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The second part will be convened in December 1997. The provisional agenda for the resumed substantive session is contained in document E/1997/109. The items will be taken up as follows:

8 October 1997:

1. Reports, conclusions and recommendations of subsidiary bodies: Environmental questions: sustainable development: Arrangements for elections to the Bureau of the Committee on Sustainable Development; Future meetings of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests [7(b)]

2. Postponed elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments (E/1997/L.60, E/1997/L.19, E/1997/L.22 and E/1997/L.1/Add.3)

December 1997:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters: Selection of the themes for the high-level and coordination segments for the 1998 substantive session of the Council (E/1997/91, E/1997/92 and Add.1) [1]

2. Coordination, programme and other questions: Proclamation of international years [6 (i)] (E/1997/L.32)

3. Reports, conclusions and recommendations of subsidiary bodies: Human rights questions [7 (d)] E/1997/L.23 and Add.2 and E/1997/L.44)

4. Implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/227 [12] (A/52/155-E/1997/68 and Add.1, E/1996/97 and Add.1).

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In accordance with the decision taken at its resumed organizational session on 5 September 1997, the Committee for Programme and Coordination will hold its resumed thirty-seventh session at United Nations Headquarters for up to 5 days beginning Monday, 13 October 1997, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The annotated provisional agenda has been issued as document E/AC.51/ 1997/Add.1.

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 14 October 1997 at 11 a.m. sharp in Conference Room C.

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The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-second session of the Commission (2-13 March 1998). The topics of the panels will be: (1) women and armed conflict; (2) human rights of women; (3) the girl child; and (4) violence against women. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names, indicating the specific panel for which they are being proposed, to the Division for the Advancement of Women (DC 2-1216), *no later than* Friday, 31 October 1997.

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Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

The Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will hold informal consultations on the reports of the Executive Board field visits to Jamaica, Turks and Caicos Islands and Cuba (DP/1997/CRP.24) and to Kyrgyzstan and Latvia (DP/1997/CRP.26) on Thursday, 9 October 1997, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a Workshop on the art of public speaking and managing meetings (chairing and participating) for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held from Wednesday, 15 to Friday, 17 October 1997.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to the permanent representatives on 24 September 1997. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 2 October 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

21st plenary meeting

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard a statement by H.E. Sheikh Hamad Bin Jassim Bin Jabor Al-Thani, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Qatar.

H.E. The Honourable Edison James, Prime Minister and Minister for External Affairs, Legal Affairs, Labour and Immigration of the Commonwealth of Dominica, addressed the General Assembly.

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Ivan Antonovich, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Belarus, H.E. Mr. Modibo Sidibé, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mali and for Malians living abroad, H.E. Mr. Casimir Oye Mba, Minister of State and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Gabon, H.E. The Honourable Amusaa Mwanamwambwa, Minister for Tourism and Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of Zambia, H.E. The Honourable Phillip Muller, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Marshall Islands, and H.E. Mr. Monie Captan, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Liberia.

22nd plenary meeting

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Moustapha Niasse, Minister of State, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Senegal and for Senegalese people living abroad, H.E. Mr. Mohammed Said Al-Sahaf, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq, H.E. Dr. Leonardo Santos Simão, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Mozambique, H.E. Mr. Mahamat Saleh Annadif, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Chad, H.E. Mr. Choe Su Hon, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, H.E. Mr. Amara Essy, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Côte d'Ivoire, and H.E. Mr. Luc Rukingama, Minister for External Relations and Cooperation of Burundi.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the United States, Kuwait, Croatia (also on behalf of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Slovenia), Turkey, the United Kingdom, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Iraq.

The representative of the United Republic of Tanzania made a statement on a point of order.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

OPEN-ENDED AD HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL FORUM ON FORESTS

Organizational session

3rd meeting

Programme of work of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests [3]

Dates and venues of future sessions [5]

The Forum continued its joint consideration of the items.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Guyana, Colombia, the Philippines, Brazil, Australia, Indonesia, Venezuela, India, Germany, Sweden, Finland and France.

Statements were also made by the observers for Turkey, the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Algeria, Costa Rica, Malaysia, Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union) and Denmark.

Statements were made by the observers of the following non-governmental organizations: Forest Peoples Programme, National Wildlife Federation and the International Alliance of Indigenous and Tribal Peoples of the Tropical Forests.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of Canada, Venezuela and the Philippines, as well as by the observers for Nigeria and Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union).

The representative of the secretariat made a statement of clarification.

4th meeting

Programme of work of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests [3]

Dates and venues of future sessions [5]

The Forum continued its joint consideration of the items.

Statements were made by the representatives of Canada and the Philippines, as well as by the observer for the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

A statement was made by the representative of the secretariat.

Organization of work

A statement was made by the Co-Chairperson.

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Sixteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

THURSDAY, 2 OCTOBER 1997

414th (closed) meeting

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee concluded the item in closed session

415th meeting

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee began its consideration of the initial report of Trinidad and Tobago (CRC/C/11/Add.10).

In accordance with the Committee's provisional rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions raised and observations made by members of the Committee.

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Training courses for permanent missions

The second set of off-site Internet training course has been scheduled by the Information Technology Services Division (ITSD) to take place from 17 to 24 November 1997. The list of attendees should be submitted by Monday, 10 November, to Glenda San Pedro (fax: 963-0952). The courses offered will be: Netscape 3.0; Intermediate Internet; Introduction to HTML; Intermediate HTML; and Creating a Website.

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